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Summary Notes From Pentachlorophenol Team Meeting-Suspension Notice April 17, 1991

Select members of the pentachlorophenol (PCP) Non-Wood Team met on Wednesday April to discuss and decide on the proposed suspension for the remaining biocide uses of PCP. The suspension notice was triggered when the registrants failed to submit the data required by the August 1988 Comprehensive Data Call-In (DCI) Notice.

After considerable debate, the team decided to defer issuing the suspension notice at this time. Rather, the team opted to seek answers to two key questions asked by the pentachlorophenol task force (PTF) regarding what the test substance for the technical should be and the Agency's response to the Low Volume Minor Use Waiver Exemption Request. RD and BEAD will cooperate in obtaining the necessary information to resolve the Low Volume Minor Use Waiver Exemption question. RD will obtain the decisions from HED and EFED as to whether the difference in composition for the technical will make a difference in the results of laboratory and field studies required by the 1988 DCI. Once these questions are answered, we will know whether suspension is a viable option.

Other questions addressed included finding out where the biocide registrants obtained their technical material (RD has the lead) and whether the maintenance fees for the 5 registered PCP biocides had been paid (ARB has the lead).

The biocides containing PCP for non-wood uses are as follows:

BAF-Cide, Reg. No. 10967-8, Water Services Inc. Mitrol G- St Reg. No. 1022-527, Chapman Chemical Co. Chem-Aqua 450, Reg. No. 1769-325, NCH Corporation Skasol Microbiocide, Reg. No. 09743-1 AA, Skasol Corp. 71L, Reg. No. 15311-3, The Bond Chemical Company

71L was cancelled on January 22, 1991 for failure to pay the required maintenance fees. Skasol Microbiocide was suspended October 31, 1985 for failure to pay the required maintenance fees.

OGC advised that a suspension could be better supported if the agency first answers PTF's questions and required PTF to submit the data under a new schedule. Should the registrants fail to submit the data under the new schedule, suspension would be justified.

The question of resource availability was addressed. PCP is a non-funded chemical for Fy 91. Therefore, if significant time

is required to resolve issues surrounding the Special Review or the suspension, support units may not have the human or financial resources to respond. It was concluded while the Special Review may be affected, the suspension would not.

A follow-up meeting of the PCP team will be scheduled once a decision on the technical material and the Low Volume Minor Use Waiver Exemption is made.

The following persons attended the meeting.

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A copy of these notes have been sent to the above attendees, the other PCP Non-Wood Team Members and the docket file for Non-Wood PCP.

Respectfully submitted,

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